

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1 - 9 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 9 have been amended. The Amendment to the claims incorporates the Amendment to the claims under Act 36 and further correct informalities and antecedent basis.

An abstract has been added on a separate page as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b). The enclosed abstract is the same as the abstract on the cover sheet of the published International Application PCT/EP03/02806 except that the reference numbers have been removed.

A Substitute Specification is provided which includes the amendments to the Specification as listed herein on pages 3 and 4 and also includes the Abstract on a separate sheet.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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